

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Cooke for the helpful and courteous discussion she had with Applicants' U.S. representative on September 7, 2005. At that time, Applicants' U.S. representative argued that the cited reference (Ipponmatsu, U.S. 5,376,347) fails to teach or suggest a process with an organic liquid which flows in a laminar flow state in a flow path as claimed in Claim 1. The Examiner agreed that the reference fails to specifically teach or suggest a laminar flow state but was not sure if the process described in Ipponmatsu would be in a laminar or turbulent flow state. The Examiner indicated that placing an upper limit for the Reynolds number for the organic liquid in Claim 1 would further differentiate the claimed process over the reference. The Examiner indicated that this amendment would place the claims into a condition for allowance.

As the Examiner will note, Claim 1 has been amended to include an upper limit for the Reynolds number for the organic liquid. As noted above, Ipponmatsu does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of the presently claimed process, and therefore, the claimed process would not have been anticipated or obvious over Ipponmatsu. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections over Ipponmatsu.

In light of the above remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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